



Body found in North Umpqua River

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A body was recovered from the North Umpqua River Thursday, the Douglas County Sheriff's Office and the Oregon State Police reported.

The body, which was found approximately 47 miles away from Roseburg, was taken by the Douglas County Medical Examiner's Office for identification.

Authorities could not confirm that the body was that of Jeffrey Schmidt, an OSU junior

who was involved in a fatal car accident with his girlfriend, Quinn Truong, on Nov. 19, 2006, when their Jeep Wrangler crashed into the North Umpqua River while returning from a trip to Diamond Lake.

Truong's body was recovered on Nov. 21, but the search for Schmidt's body was called off after a few days due to river conditions and the low probability of finding the body, Lt. Douglas Ladd of the Oregon State Police said.

Ladd said Schmidt's father had been notified and that he will provide the medical examiner with his son's dental records in the interest of making a positive identification.

"We're not going to say that it's him, but it is in a location that it's possible that it's him," Ladd said.

"If it is indeed the body of Jeffrey Schmidt, we hope that that provides some measure of closure for friends and loved ones," said university spokesman Todd Simmons.

Language in the U.S. can be a hot issue

■ 'What is Español?' takes look at effects of language on American culture, Latino culture on English

By Majeed Badizadegan
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Chips and salsa were on hand as a small group of students and faculty met to discuss the cultural implications of bilingualism, specifically Spanish in the United States.

The event "¿What is Español?" was sponsored by the Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez but was held at the Asian and Pacific Cultural Center, where there was more space.

During the discussion, many topics regarding Spanish in the United States were covered.

There are approximately 28 million Spanish speakers in the United States, according to the 2000 U.S. Census. Oregon is home to nearly 400,000 of those Spanish speakers. Much of the conversation centered around "English Plus," a non-binding U.S. House resolution encouraging multilingualism. Oregon is one of four states to have passed similar resolutions, the others being Rhode Island, New Mexico and Washington.

"Language is a very politically charged issue ... language is never just language," said Juan A. Trujillo an assistant professor of foreign languages and linguistics.

Trujillo went on to say that language is not always the only factor that plays a role in legislation — that there are often ulterior political and social motives that affect decisions about bilingual legislation in government.

Besides legislative and political issues that stem from this topic, attendees also discussed social issues and the link between language and culture.

"If you strip down culture and language, what is left?" asked Octaviano Merceias, a contemporary Hispanic studies major.

The discussion eventually came to English as a Second Language programs and the social impacts that

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From war zone to campus no easy move

■ After serving overseas, soldiers come home and return to lives on campus, in the classroom

By Chelsea Anderson
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Neil Dysart sits at the back of the class, facing the door. He scans the room for potential threats, watching each person that comes and goes.

He is an Army soldier, specializing in aviation, whose life has been forever altered by his experiences overseas.

According to the OSU Web site, the ROTC program focuses on leadership development. It helps students learn problem-solving techniques, decision-making skills, planning and organizing skills, interpersonal communications skills, professional ethics and responsibilities in addition to other management and leadership skills.

The soldiers who have served in foreign countries and return as students have been impacted in many ways civilians may not realize.

"Re-acclimation was hard at first because you get so used to keeping your distance from everyone. I went into a Wal-Mart after I returned, and it was brand new again," Dysart said.

Dysart, a Western Oregon student who is in OSU's ROTC program, is working toward a degree in law enforcement.

"Multiple entries are bad for me," added Mathaniel Lehmann, a junior and a medic in the military. "It took some time getting used to being in buildings with multiple doors and people coming and going all the time. It would make me jump."

Lehmann, a husband and father



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Ron Clement, who has been a member of Army ROTC since 1999, served one year in the Iraq War after doing cleanup work in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. He is now a senior at OSU studying sociology.

of two sons, noticed he was more aggressive upon returning from a year in Iraq.

"It takes way less for me to reach an elevated level where I want to fight," Lehmann said. "Sometimes I have what I call 'red days' where I am extremely aggressive. I wouldn't

pick a fight with anyone, but I almost want someone to pick one with me. I also noticed that I stare at people, which I know is not polite."

Realization doesn't set in for many soldiers until after they are deployed.

For Lehmann, it didn't set in until after he'd returned from Iraq.

"It really set in for me when my son crawled up on me and wanted to hug me. That really got me. When I was deployed, I was [angry] because it coincided with my son's birth, and I missed everything," Lehmann said.

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The Weekly Download

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Yes, you can call him 'Bobby D'

Bob De Carolis, OSU's athletic director, spoke this week about Beaver baseball, the state of the basketball program and fans who call for coaches to be fired.

Can we call you Bobby D?

Sure ...

Is there any background to that nickname? Is that a real nickname?

Actually, when I first got here I think the first six people I met were Bob — I thought it was an Oregon thing or something.

OK, can you describe, if there is a way, what the athletic director does? Any highlights?

You know, it's funny. You talk about the weather changing — I mean, this job changes every second, from the e-mail you can get to the phone call you can get to someone walking into your office. And typically there's more challenges or downs than there are ups, but when you get the

ups they're pretty significant.

Next week is the baseball team's home opener. What was it like to watch that historic season last year, from your perspective?

It was pretty awesome to say the least. I still don't think people realize the magnitude of that win, and I don't think the kids fully realized it yet either. I think they got a sense of it when they got their rings at the stadium that day.

Will you be watching on Thursday at Goss?

Unfortunately, I'm probably gonna be at the — hopefully — the second round of the Pac-10 men's championship if we don't get knocked out on Wednesday.

Speaking of men's basketball, the team's struggled this season. Do you think it's time for a coaching change, or are you going to stay with Jay John?

I've come out publicly saying we're staying with Jay, and I think that's the right thing to do.

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a question and answer feature which will usually appear in print each Friday, can also be downloaded or streamed at www.dailybarometer.com. The print version of the interview will be edited to fit the space available, but the mp3 audio version will be presented in full. To suggest a person for an interview, e-mail editor@dailybarometer.com.





QUICK TAKES



This photo, released Thursday by the Italian Civil Protection, shows an aerial view of the Stromboli island volcano during eruptive activity in southern Italy. Lava continued to pour down Stromboli's slopes and into the Mediterranean near Sicily as experts continued to monitor eruption activity on one of Europe's most active volcanoes.

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Lee Yong-soo shows her portrait during World War II during an interview in Tokyo on Feb. 23. She said she was 14 when Japanese soldiers took her from her home in 1944 to work as a sex slave in Taiwan. "The Japanese government must not run from its responsibilities," said Lee, who has long campaigned for Japanese compensation. "I want them to apologize. To admit that they took me away, when I was a little girl, to be a sex slave. To admit that history. I was so young. I did not understand what had happened to me. My cries then still ring in my years. Even now, I can't sleep."

(AP PHOTO/JUNJI KUROKAWA)

TOP STORY

Tornadoes kill seven in Alabama

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ENTERPRISE, Alabama — Tornadoes ripped through Alabama and killed at least seven people, including five at a high school where students became pinned under debris when a roof collapsed, state officials said.

As night fell Thursday, crews dug through piles of rubble beneath portable lights at Enterprise High School, looking for other victims.

"The number could very well increase as the search effort continues through the night," state emergency management spokeswoman Yasamie Richardson said.

The burst of tornadoes was part of a larger line of thunderstorms and snowstorms that stretched from Minnesota to the Gulf Coast. Authorities blamed a tornado for the death of a 7-year-old girl in Missouri, and twisters also were reported in Kansas.

In the chaotic hours after the storm, reports about the death



DANNY TINDELL / DOTHAN EAGLE (AP)
Residents gather near an overturned truck which landed against a house in Enterprise, Ala., on Thursday.

toll varied widely. At one point, state officials said as many as 18 people were dead. Richardson later said that miscommunication at the scene was to blame.

"Any time you have a disaster of this magnitude, there is confusion at the scene," Richardson said.

The storm struck at the high

school around 1:15 p.m. Thursday, and Richardson said some students were still trapped three hours later. Erin Garcia, a 17-year-old senior, said students had gathered in hallways around 11 a.m. as a precaution. School officials wanted to send them home around 1 p.m., she said, but the weather turned

bad and sirens wailed.

Then, she said, the lights went out.

"I was just sitting there praying the whole time," she said.

After the storm passed, she found the hallway she was in was spared, but a roof and wall collapsed on students in another hallway.

"People didn't know where to go. They were trying to lead us out of the building. I kept seeing people with blood on their faces," Garcia said.

More than 50 people were hospitalized as the violent storm front crossed the state. One person died elsewhere in Enterprise and one in rural Millers Ferry, where a separate storm wrecked mobile homes, Richardson said.

Officials opened shelters for those whose homes were damaged. The state sent in about 100 National Guardsmen, along with emergency personnel, lights and generators.

NEWS IN BRIEF



North Korea reiterates its denuclearization pledge to South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's No. 2 leader reiterated Thursday his country's pledge to abandon its nuclear weapons, as the impoverished nation sought a resumption of aid at its first high-level talks with South Korea since conducting an atomic test.

Kim Yong Nam said "the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula is the dying wish" of the country's founding president, Kim Il Sung, the father of current leader Kim Jong Il. North Korea "will make efforts to realize it," he told South Korean Unification Minister Lee Jae-joung in Pyongyang, the North's capital.

Lee pressed for North Korea to follow through on its breakthrough Feb. 13 agreement with the U.S. and four other countries to shut down its sole operating nuclear reactor in 60 days, and to eventually dismantle all its atomic programs.



Army fires general in charge of Walter Reed after disclosures

WASHINGTON — The Army on Thursday fired the general in charge of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, saying he was the wrong person to fix embarrassing failures in the treatment of war-injured soldiers that have soiled the institution's reputation as a first-class hospital.

Less than a week after Defense Secretary Robert Gates visited Walter Reed and said those responsible would be "held accountable," the Army announced it had relieved Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman of command. He is a physician who had headed the hospital for only six months.

In a brief announcement, the Army said service leaders had "lost trust and confidence" in Weightman's leadership abilities "to address needed solutions for soldier outpatient care." It said the decision to fire him was made by Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey.



House passes suite of clean energy bills aimed at agriculture

SALEM — The Oregon House passed a suite of energy bills Thursday that proponents say could drive agricultural growth, fuel outside investment and help place Oregon at the center of the new low carbon, clean energy economy.

The bills' incentives and tax breaks are aimed at farmers who grow crops like canola seeds and corn, and companies that convert those products and other biomass into ethanol and biodiesel — additives that can be used in gasoline and diesel to run most cars.

If the bill passes in the Senate, as expected, proponents say it could help ailing rural economies and bring investments of over \$1 billion to Oregon, which is in the race to draw private money to invest in renewable fuels as the cost of fossil fuels rises.

— The Associated Press

CALENDAR

Friday, Mar. 2

Meetings
Educational Activities, 3-8pm, Student Involvement, Snell Hall. ASOSU budget hearing.

Saturday, Mar. 3

Events
Department of Music, 7:30pm, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 4515 SW West Hills Rd. OSU Student Recital: Lauren Edison, soprano.

Sunday, Mar. 4

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 35 NW 21st, corner of Kings & Harrison. Taizé Prayer.
Department of Music, 3pm, 202 Benton Hall. OSU Student Recital: Jeff Carey, percussion.

Monday, Mar. 5

Meetings
American Indian Science & Engineering Society, 5pm, Native American Longhouse. Weekly meeting. Everyone welcome!
Sigma Lambda Delta Sorority, 5-8pm, Native American Longhouse. Weekly meeting and sisterhood event.
Unitarian-Universalist Campus Ministry (UUCM), 7:30-9pm, Westminster House, 101 NW 23rd (corner of Monroe).
College Republicans, 7pm, MU 208, Rainbow Continuum, 7pm, Women's Center. A social/educational setting for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and ally students.
Sol's Circle of Color, 5:30-7pm, Women's Center. LGBTQIA Multicultural Support Network meetings.
ASOSU Elections Committee, 5pm, 149 Snell Hall. Candidate Information meeting. Come learn the rules and regulations of running a campaign!

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Arrests

12:50 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 28 — A 22-year-old man from The Dalles was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

1:10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 26 — An OSU student, 25, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

12:09 a.m., Monday, Feb. 26 — A Corvallis man, 24, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

1:32 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21 — A Corvallis woman, 18, was arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicants and minor in possession by consumption.

Theft

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Someone stole an HP Pavilion DV5000 laptop and an Audiovox XV6700 cell phone, together valued at \$1,220, from a backpack that was located under a coat rack in the CH2M Hill Alumni Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Someone stole a Verizon cell phone and a wallet contain-



ing several personal items, all valued at \$409, from Langton Hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Someone stole a black wallet with two credit cards, an ATM card and \$20 from the Dixon Rec basketball courts.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Someone stole a Nike gym bag and a pair of jeans, all valued at \$65, from the Langton Hall men's locker room.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 — Someone stole five CB radios from five unlocked Allied Waste garbage trucks. Three more CB radios were tampered with.

Monday, Feb. 26 — Someone stole a black and orange Raleigh Mojave mountain bike, valued at \$350, from the

Dixon Rec Center bike rack.

Monday, Feb. 26 — Someone stole a silver Sony VAIO VGN-FS 840 laptop and a Silver Motorola Razzr cell phone, both valued at \$1175, from a room in Finley Hall.

Monday, Feb. 26 — Someone stole an Oakland A's baseball cap, valued at \$33, from a parcel box in a mailbox located on N.W. Walnut Pl.

Sunday, Feb. 25 — Someone stole an MDA cell phone, a digital camera and two black nylon suitcases with clothes, all valued at \$1100, from a car parked on N.W. 12th St.

Sunday, Feb. 25 — Someone stole \$200 worth of candy and other items from a vending machine at Fill-King Laundry. The suspect pried the vending machine door open, but the cash box was not touched.

Friday, Feb. 23 — Someone stole a red 21-speed Raleigh mountain bike from the Milne Computer Lab bike rack.

Friday, Feb. 23 — Someone stole 25 vials of morphine and 26 vials of fentanyl, all at one cc, from the Reach Air Medical Services at the Corvallis airport. The items were worth \$1000.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 — Someone stole an unlocked, red Sun Retro Cruiser, valued at \$150, from a private backyard located on N.W. 13th St.

Other

Wednesday, Feb. 21 — An OSU student, 25, was cited for urinating in public at the base of the stairs of Cobblestone Square, located at N.W. Monroe Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 — An OSU student, 21, was cited for urinating in public in the parking lot behind Tailgaters.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 — An Corvallis woman, 20, was cited for urinating behind a bush on N.W. 15th St. She was also cited for minor in possession by consumption.

Police Beat is compiled from the crime logs of Corvallis Police Department and the Oregon State Police by Amanda Robbins. She can be reached at news@dailybarometer.com or 737-2231.

VETERAN: Student soldier sent overseas before delivery of son

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"When my second son was born, I got to see everything I missed from my first, but it was at that moment that I realized how the war really affected me."

"For many, it's the moment that you step on the plane and you're leaving your loved ones behind," Dysart said. "For me, it was one of the first nights we were [in Iraq], and I woke up to a guy screaming in his sleep."

Lehmann, who plans to make his career in the military, does not wish for his children to take the same path.

"It's a hard lifestyle, and it really changes you," Lehmann said.

Phil Van Leuven, a senior and speech communication major, said his marriage suffered as a result of deployment.

"Many marriages end when husbands and wives get deployed," Van Leuven said. "My wife and I divorced shortly after I was deployed."

"You really have to talk," said Major Michael Daniels, professor of military science.

Ron Clement, a senior and sociology major, said his 3 1/2-year marriage has grown in strength since deployment.

"I know I'm a minority in that aspect," Clement said. "We just reevaluated our priorities, and our relationship has grown."

Clement, a National Guard soldier, spent six months in Texas and Louisiana taking part in the cleanup after Hurricane Katrina.

He then spent a month in Kuwait before deploying to Taji, a city 20 miles north of Baghdad, where he spent a year fighting.

Clement, whose father was in the military, said he has become a more responsible and an overall better person since serving.

Clement's wife, Kelly, said it was extremely hard to be away from her husband for the 19 months.

The National Guard, along with other military branches, creates programs to help families with loved ones who have gone overseas. "It helped a lot while Ron was gone," Kelly

said. "The other wives and I would get together every Friday night, and Ron and I would have 'date night' on Wednesdays. We would talk via Web cam or instant messaging."

Kelly described an incident when a bomb went off in the building where her husband was during their Web cam chats or phone calls.

"I just heard the explosion, and then there was dead silence," Kelly said. "My heart just stopped."

When soldiers are away from their families and loved ones, they develop close bonds with fellow soldiers within their units.

"Your relationships become very strong," Lehmann said. "You worry where everyone is going and when they are coming back."

"You develop a family," Dysart said. "It's really hard when you learn your 'battle buddies' are being sent somewhere else. You bond so much."

Many of the soldiers, when they return home, feel that the media has skewed what is shown to the public.

"One day I was watching CNN, and they were covering a story about a soldier that was killed by a car bomb. It was supposedly in our sector. It never happened. There are just so many inaccuracies in the media. Eighty percent of the time we were doing good things for the country, but all the media wants to focus on is the negative," Lehmann said.

The soldiers also spoke about how Hollywood changes the perspective of the public and that depictions of war are often distorted.

"Most of the time, all people have to go by is what they see in movies," Dysart said. "They actually believe it's like that, when in actuality, it's completely different."

Many soldiers have different views of returning to foreign countries for war.

"I hated it," Lehmann said. "But eventually I want to go back."

Van Leuven said, regardless of preferences, most soldiers don't have a choice.

"It's inevitable," Van Leuven said. "If it's not Iraq, it'll just be somewhere else."

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SPANISH: 'Spanglish' blends cultural words

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these programs may have.

ESL is designed for those who are learning English as a second language, and many people find that these programs are very effective.

There were mixed feelings regarding ESL, though many saw it as an educationally progressive establishment for students learning English as a second language.

Another topic discussed was "Spanglish," a blend of the English and Spanish languages.

"Is there such thing as Chinglish?" Merceias asked, referring to a combination of Chinese and English.

Trujillo argued that considering "Spanglish" a hybrid language is a common misconception. He explained that the combination of English and Spanish is a prime example of cultural impacts on language.

"Imposition of language in any nation is a result of colonization," Trujillo said, referring to lack of acceptance of the Spanish language.

Some of the attendees expressed that they would like to see a change in the attitudes toward Spanish in the United States and would like to see it viewed in a more positive light.

Merceias added that he wanted people to be "more aware of the potential benefits" of Spanish and bilingualism in the United States.

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Ego inflation

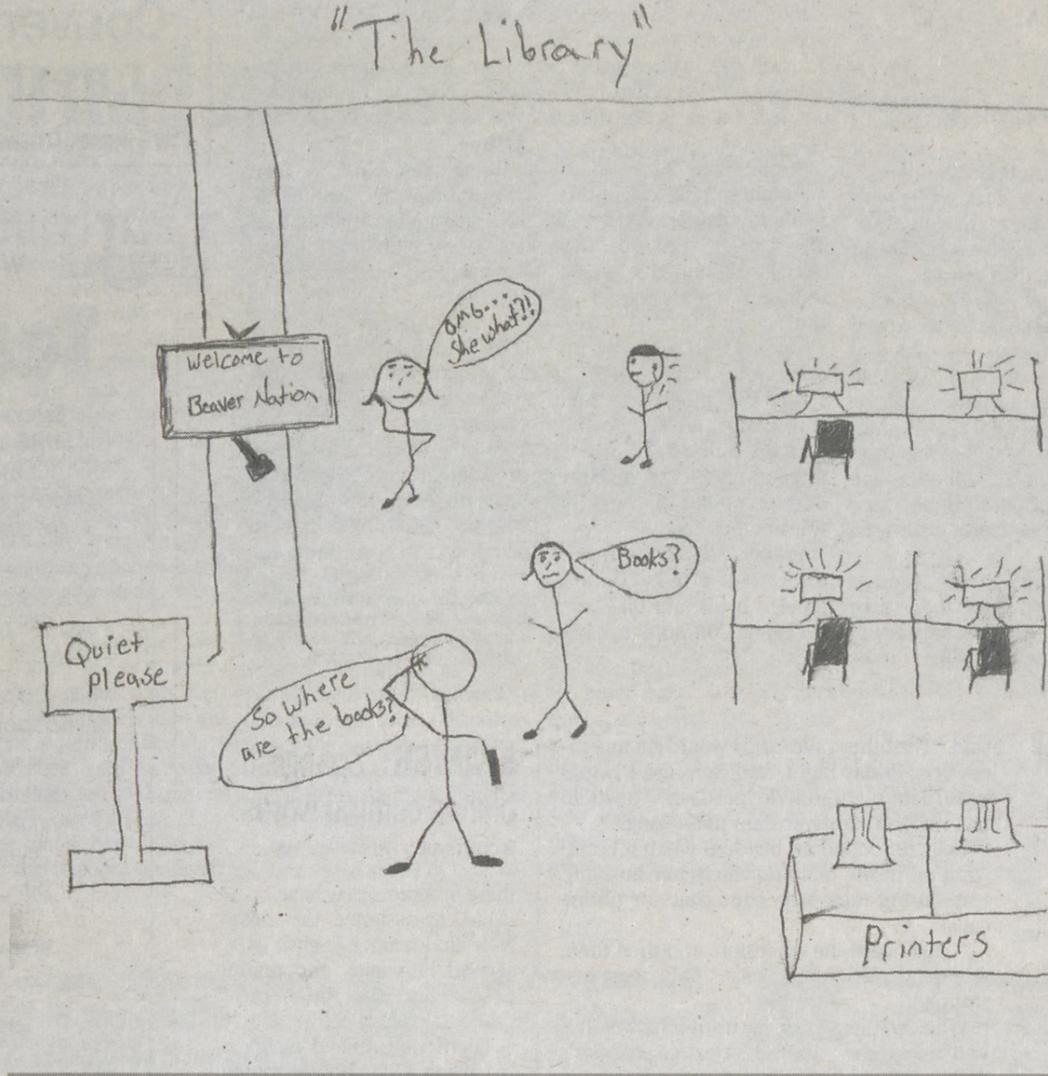
New Brunswick, N.J. (U-WIRE) — Do you feel you can live your life any way you want to? If so, then according to a study five psychologists released Monday, you are yet another example of an increasing trend of narcissism in our generation. The study's findings, suggests San Diego State University professor Jean Twenge, show, "We need to stop endlessly repeating, 'You're special,' and having children repeat that back. Kids are self-centered enough already." In addition, the report states, among other traits, narcissistic qualities include romantic relationships that are short-lived, selfishness, infidelity, dishonesty, a lack of emotional warmth and violent behavior.

The Home News Tribune describes the study as an analysis of 16,475 responses to an evaluation called the Narcissistic Personality Inventory from 1982 through last year. The respondents were all college students. According to The Tribune, the NPI asks responses to statements such as, "I think I am a special person," "If I ruled the world it would be a better place," and "I can live my life any way I want to." The report also states current technology, like MySpace and YouTube, contributes to the narcissism factor.

Naturally, the prevailing feeling of college students across the nation is that the report is bogus. It is fair to say — without exaggeration — that selfishness and the other qualities attributed to narcissism have been around for generations before ours. As for publicizing technology like MySpace contributing to narcissism, there have been plenty of self-centered kids from previous generations who grew up to be narcissists without the "benefit" of any such Web sites — or the Internet, for that matter. Furthermore, the statements on the NPI can be obtuse and not necessarily indicative of a narcissist. A positive response to a statement like "I think I am a special person" could simply mean the respondent has a healthy sense of self-esteem.

The study implies our generation believes ourselves to be too "special" when matched up against our parents and older siblings. Just maybe, then, it is an issue of entitlement, and our generation — being more fortunate and well-off than other generations — may take certain comforts for granted that perhaps we should not. After all, once upon a time, cell phones were more a luxury than they were virtual necessity. But entitlement is different from vanity, and a higher standard of living coupled with a healthy sense of self-esteem cannot seriously be deplored as narcissism. If anything, the study's resentment of self-confidence is the sort of Disney-villain put-down we all grew up knowing we could overcome: "No, you're not special."

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Cracking the shell of a dysfunctional system

Last week I decided to dedicate my column to the pursuit of unraveling the threads of a tangled food system. With this column, I begin my tirade.

First and foremost, it is critical for us to examine the very underpinnings of our social and cultural relationship with food. As I said last week, this relationship can, at best, be considered "complicated." Perhaps more aptly put, the typical American relationship with food is one of abuse and mistreatment, an association of neglect and disconnect. Actually, it is just downright dysfunctional.

For many Americans (and for a great portion of the affluent, developed world) food is now viewed as a commodity rather than recognized as an invaluable staple for life. Food comes from the grocery store, packaged and all too often entirely ready to eat. Food is convenient. Food is omnipresent. Food is cheap. And hence, we are fat, lazy about our food, and unappreciative of the ponderous, intricate social and ecological implications of our eating.

Despite our seemingly universal disconnect from food, Americans really do think about food quite a lot. To prove my point: I find it rather interesting that currently I am required to complete "nutritional analyses" for three, yes THREE, of my classes. As I am now a senior, you can only imagine how many similar food- and nutrition-related projects I have completed in my undergraduate education. (By the

way, I am an environmental science major, not a nutrition major.) Food is definitely a hot topic here in America. In this American fascination (might I say fetish?) with diet, nutrition and health, I believe we may find some of the roots of our dysfunctional relationship with food.

Some call it "mechanistic science at work on our food system." Others dub it "the atomistic approach to eating." Michael Pollan calls it "Nutritionism." Personally, I call it plain idiocy. The American perception of food, over a period of decades, converted from an Arcadian view of food as ... well ... food, to a highly mechanistic, atomistic, nutritionistic perception of food as omega-3 fatty acids, antioxidants, phytochemicals, cholesterol, fats, fiber and god knows what else. (Check your health magazine tomorrow for the most recent development!)

In this atomistic approach to food (which, I might point out, closely mirrors our atomistic approach to environmental problems and health care), the value of food as a holistic entity is lost. Food is no longer food. Cuisines and all of their cultural, social and biological values fade into the archives of the past. Social norms (such as "no

eating in bookstores" and "no eating in bed") disintegrate or become obsolete. With the loss of social norms and the distorted perception of food as consisting solely of its separate parts (sodium, iron and protein too!) our society has forsaken many of the rules and the underlying respect for food that has historically guided us in our consumption.

According to Dr. Marion Nestle, many eaters now feel that food is a mine field, perhaps rightly so. Modern eaters are bombarded with conflicting information about what to eat. We have been socially indoctrinated to buy into mass-marketing schemes and food fads such as the current omega-3 fatty acid craze or the not-so-long-ago Atkins Diet. What nutritionists say one day may go against the dietary developments of the next. For example, let's think about eggs.

Eggs are a powerhouse of nutrition and quality calories, not to mention that French toast and sunny-side-up eggs are two of the greatest joys in life. Despite the joyfulness of eggs, about two decades ago someone high up in the nutrition food chain decided that eggs were an egregious source of cholesterol and that they should therefore be banned from the typical American diet.

Let's stop right here and analyze this decision: 1) Humans and other animals have been preying on each other's eggs for eons, and the world has not yet blown up in apocalypse; 2) Eggs are a

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Robert Sanchez



Perspectives and Choices

New film a glimpse of things to come?

There is a new movie playing at the theater in Corvallis called "Children of Men." I saw it last week, and it has forced me to examine what shapes the future. "Children of Men" (CoM) is based on a book by the famous mystery writer P.D. James, who said, "The weapon should always be appropriate to the murderer." In CoM the weapon is species-wide sterility, and the murderer is us, the choices we have made. But the future is not set; it is determined by our individual choices.

The story takes place in 2027 in England. The gap between rich and poor has grown. It is a world driven to the brink of madness, in which we are allowed to see our extinction in advance, with hope slowly slipping away. Propaganda and police are everywhere, and the English government rules with an iron fist. The rest of the world, we are told, has descended into violent anarchy, and only England has not fallen apart. The government has designated all non-citizens as terrorists and rounds them up into concentration camps.

Is this vision of the future a realistic possibility? Could our choices lead to a global dystopia? Could society become so stratified that a few million live in luxury while billions live lives of abject poverty and misery? Could we become so fearful that in the name of national security we allow for the establishment of totalitarian control, where our privacy, rights and liberties are curtailed "for our own good?" Could we become so cold and cruel that we turn a blind eye to the needs of humanity, using our wealth and power to insulate our nation from the world's troubles?

In CoM we see the apathy and disdain of the rich, the relative hopelessness and helplessness of the middle class, and the poor, along with non-citizens, virtually powerless to improve their lot in life. Hope and love are scarce commodities, yet are more common among the poor and middle classes. How does this world compare to ours? We exist in a world with limitless potential futures, each determined by a combination of physical reality and the choices we make.

Physical constraints, like resources or global climate change, act to limit our options, and these limits combine with the decisions we make based on our perceived

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Challenging students to be s

There are thousands of people doing thousands of things every day at Oregon State. Life-changing research, community-building education, student and societal advocacy – just to name a few. There is a long history of success and community involvement at OSU, and the Diversions staff sought out staff and faculty recommendations in order to compile a list of students who do as much as they can with every waking moment to make our university not just one that is recognized for our academic achievements, but one that is seen throughout the world as a community of dedicated, compassionate scholars. Please join us for what will be the second in a two-part series on the 25 Most Influential Undergraduates at OSU.

Twenty-three of the 25 students selected as the most influential pose in the Memorial Union. Uzo Ukeagu and Jose Gutierrez are not pictured.

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Kendall Dutcher

To most, Kendall Dutcher is known as a "strong, driven individual," according to her academic mentor, Wanda Crannell.

"She's gone through a lot – for her to succeed is nothing short of a remarkable miracle," Crannell said of Dutcher, a first-generation college student. As president of MANRRS (Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences) and the only undergraduate member of C2D (Committed to Diversity), Dutcher is committed to projects and awareness of diversity.

"To say that I'm passionate about diversity is an understatement," Dutcher begins to explain. "I commit roughly 1/4 of my spare time to these issues and am a member of the Oregon Student Equal Rights Alli-

ance (OSERA) and Oregon Students of Color Coalition (OSCC)."

As a senior double-majoring in advanced biochemistry and biore-source research, Dutcher plans to pursue a doctorate in Immunology at the University of Washington's School of Medicine. Her focus, type 1 diabetes, is also a relatable cause.

"Diabetes runs in my family," Dutcher said. "My grandmother is a type 2 diabetic and I, myself, have been diagnosed as hyperglycemic for the past 10 years."

Crannell explained that Dutcher chose a significantly difficult double-major combination, but has high confidence her level of academics and intelligence will only continue to rise. "For her to balance her academics with leadership activities is quite amazing," Crannell said. "OSU is fortunate to have great leaders. Kendall is going to be greatly missed."

Kari Varin

As an ambassador for the College of Engineering, Varin sees the impact and importance of engineering in everyday life, whether she's giving presentations to high school students or working closely with Women and Minorities in Engineering. "I travel to high schools throughout the state and give presentations to classes about opportunities in engineering," Varin said. As 2006's Miss Minerva (Miss Greek), Varin has worked as a lab technician, ambassador, and intern. She was a judiciary representative for Greek Life-Panhellenic and serves as the president of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE) and the president of the Chemical, Biological, and Environmental Engineering Student Organization. Starting as a volunteer researcher with the Stormwater Analysis Team for three years in high school, Varin has found her place as a junior at OSU, majoring in chemical engineering.

Stacy Thomsen

Thomsen still has a year to go before graduating with a business administration degree but she more than has her hands full with sharing time between being a secretary for ASOSU, her job as Panhellenic president and the five other committees she helps with. As a secretary for ASOSU, Thomsen stays busy coordinating major events and the resources required to get the job done. Her knowledge of ASOSU is extensive and she always has the ability to help someone out. As the face of Panhellenic, Thomsen oversees nine other executive members to make sure sororities around campus are involved and informed about Oregon State life. Between talking with Bob Kerr, Greek Life adviser, and constantly coordinating events to help represent Greek Life, Thomsen stays up to beat on all that is happening with the Greek community. With everything Stacy is involved in, it is more than a little impressive that she stays a step ahead all the time. She would like to go to law school after taking a much deserved year off after she graduates.

Parvathy Binoy

Parvathy Binoy, a 21 year old senior in political science and international studies, could not contain her surprise at being selected as one of the 25 most influential students at OSU: "I know a lot of people who have done so much for this campus, many more than me. I hope this article acts as a thank you to all of those people and all the big and small things they do for social change." Parvathy's humility in regards to her accomplishments and contributions are all the more impressive after a quick glance at her resume. Co-Development Chair for International Students of Oregon State University, International Admissions Intern, a College of Liberal Arts Ambassador and an event coordinator for P.E.A.C.E. Week are just a few of her many current commitments. "What she does is amazing," said Catalina Vlad, a senior in Nutrition and Food Management and Parvathy's partner as the Co-Development Chair for ISOSU. "She has all these jobs, school and practically lives here at the ISOSU office, and still she maintains such a positive mood and spirit." After graduate school, Parvathy hopes to work in public policy making and sustainable international development. "I am very passionate about the pursuit of peace and community. More specifically, I feel very drawn to causes of grass roots social change, particularly within the field of international development," she said. "But my work here has always centered around how can we better understand and respect one another at OSU. I think the pursuit and discover of this is so very powerful."

Jessica Page

The definition of success has always been a relative term, changing constantly depending on who you ask. Yet at times we encounter those people whom, no matter who you ask, can be labelled a success.

Jessica Page, a senior from Idaho Falls, Ida. is one of those people. Unlike some, who limit themselves to just one or two activities, she has made it a priority to seek out a plethora of opportunities on around and off of campus. Activities ranging from Delta Delta Delta sorority, Panhellenic Council, TOUR, Odyssey and Start grace Page's resume. She has volunteered at a hospital in Ecuador, received grants to research Poxvirus, and studies bio-chemistry/bio-physics all while being enrolled in the Honors College.

Yet, unlike those who might act brag-

gadocious about their own success, we found Page to be warm-hearted and far from conceited. Indeed, she seems to truly care as much about the success of others close to her as she does about her own. Overall she claims that her "goal was to take advantage of the opportunities at OSU and use them in a way that would benefit the community and promote similar actions to my peers." Those who are close to Page also speak of her qualities with others. "The best part about Jessica is her down to earth attitude and overwhelming friendliness which she generously shares with others," said Claire Bennett, director of campus visitation. With so many credentials to speak of, and qualities to be proud of, it is easy to see why Page is one of the most influential undergraduates at OSU.

Mike Olson

In the world of education, especially higher education, no student has a title that demands respect quite like student body president. Yet, it is often times hard for the common student to understand or appreciate exactly what it is their peer in this position does. When speaking with Mike Olson, a senior in biology from Pleasant Hill and our own ASOSU president, it is easy to see just how much he gives to this school. Mike's resume is stacked full of positions on various boards, committees and organizations, both on campus and around the community. Yet, the various commitments that Mike takes on aren't just things that he can brag about to employers, they actually mean something to him. "I just knew that I wanted to be very active during my time here at OSU, and really just tried to get as involved as possible with groups that I believed in" says Olson. From helping with issues like hunger and homelessness, giving back to both his residence hall and fraternity and of course working to better OSU through ASOSU, Olson has put in so much of his own time and effort to help influence the community in which we live. Yet through it all he still manages to be humble about his accomplishments. "Success is never achieved by yourself" says Olsen "much of my success comes from collaboration with other students and the hard work and determination of these students to accomplish their own goals."

Read about all 25 students at www.dailybarometer.com

Something more than average



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Myra Long, left, and Annette McFarland share a laugh. Long works with the Women's Center, and McFarland works with ASOSU.

Annette McFarland

Anyone who has been within a 100-foot radius of Annette McFarland, a 21-year-old senior in English, would remember her spunkiness and radiant positive energy. "I would say she has remarkable charisma and it is recognized by others," said Joe Hendricks, dean of the University Honors College. "I might describe her as irrepresible, and that is partly why she is so effective."

As the director of the ASOSU Non-traditional Student Affairs Task Force, McFarland aids underrepresented student groups and also serves on the Student Parent Advisory Board and the Child Care Advisory Board. "My mission with my current position is to get OSU to the point where all types of students feel welcomed and a valued part of the OSU community," she said.

Among her many aspirations, McFarland lists teaching English abroad, running for public office and training dolphins as her future career goals. "I want to help people, bottom line," she said. "That will be the driving force behind whatever I'm doing, whether that's educating them or creating policies to make their lives better."

With her positive outlook and affection for pirates and mermaids, McFarland is sure to continue to influence those around her. "I believe we choose our attitudes," she said. "Most of the time I choose to be happy because life's just better that way."

Desiree Segura

If you have ever met Desiree Segura, you already know the immediate impression you get is that she has a desire to make the world around her a better place in every way.

Segura is the External Coordinator of the Centro Cultural César Chávez. She is looking to take care of her people and constantly giving back to the community. Segura has already worked to increase the number of Latino students at Oregon State and now turns her focus to retention of those students in to greater col-

lege careers.

If that wasn't enough, she is also an Undergraduate Senator for ASOSU. She says that being a part of the Senate is the best way to get first hand knowledge of what is going on around campus and that she uses the information to create opportunities for any interested students.

Segura's ultimate goal is to have a seat on the United States Senate so that she can have a national influence. Perhaps her greatest achievement would be her position as Non-Traditional First Generation Caucus

Chair for the United States Student Association.

Segura identifies most with her chair for the USSA because that's what she is and she can represent it the best.

Her future is wide open but she knows she will have to go to law school if she wants her seat on the Senate. But her most passionate goal is make the changes needed to help underrepresented groups around the country. Such far-fetched goals seem obtainable whenever you have a chance to talk to Segura.

Sarah Shintaku

Sarah Shintaku, a senior in health promotion and education, is a goal-oriented worker who has more than her share of tasks promoting OSU and student life. Shintaku has worked as a TOUR Coordinator for the Office of Admissions long enough to know every nook and cranny that Oregon State has stored away. She finds that showing prospective students what life is like here at Oregon State is one of the most influential parts of the decision to come here and presenting countless students with opportunities is as rewarding as a job can get.

Her TOUR coordinating days fall in step with her choice to be a HHS Ambassador to other campuses as well as our own.

Working at the advising office for HHS has helped drastically with recruiting students as well with general assistance from everything about schedules to decisions one what majors are best suiting.

Her impressive resume is only further decorated by her Promise Internship over the summer.

Her internship focused mainly on helping with multicultural opportunities and she spent a lot of her time compiling lists of community services projects around campus so students could easily decide where they wanted to help out.

Shintaku's goals include trying to get an internship at a diabetes clinic in Virginia or finding a way to get involved with health education at some level. She is also debating going through nursing school and possibly being a public health nurse. Whatever she decides, Shintaku will almost certainly be successful.



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Nick Reyna, left, and Kyle Jeffers speak outside of the Memorial Union. Jeffers recently played his last home game as a member of the OSU basketball team.

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ASOSU president Mike Olson speaks with other students selected as the most influential undergraduates.

NICK REYNA

Often times, when students arrive on campus for the first time as freshman, so many either get involved with as many activities as possible, while truly never committing to anything, or simply suffice with the same old people while trying to skate through school. Yet, at times, students like Nick Reyna emerge on campus ready and willing to not only get involved, but also commit to the activities that truly mean something to them. Reyna, a senior in psychology from Salem, has not only become seriously involved in his cooperative house, Avery Lodge, as both vice president and president. He has also gone far beyond the academic expectations of most undergraduates. From his time as a freshman, he has been an influential part of the psychology department and the College of Liberal Arts here at OSU.

Knowing early on that experience is necessary to succeed, he tried to involve himself in any kind of research available around campus. Eventually he began working in psychological research, gaining the position of lab supervisor for the most comprehensive project on the validity of emotional intelligent. "I want to help out and serve each level of my community, from my living group, to my major, college and university as a whole" Reyna said. With all of his involvement and dedication already here at OSU, and aspirations of teaching in higher education to boot, Reyna is certainly one of the most influential people on our campus.

ELIAS EIGUREN

As the president of OSU's Livestock Judging Club, senior Elias Eiguren has followed his roots — growing up on a cattle ranch in Jordan Valley jump started his career. By traveling to competitions in Denver, Houston, San Antonio, Kansas City, and the farthest being Louisville, as one of under 10 representatives of OSU's club, Eiguren plans on both graduating and getting married in December.

"Elias is extremely mature and very intelligent," said Clint Saxson, a professor and coach of Eiguren. "He's willing to go the extra mile."

Eiguren, who started as an Oregon Future Farmers of America State Officer in high school, went on to be a part of the winning team in 2005's Express Cattle Contest and on the sixth place OSU team at the national championship in Louisville. Eiguren was the First High Individual in the Sheep Division at the Houston Livestock Judging Contest and ninth in Oral Reasons.

Majoring in animal sciences with an option in communication, leadership, industry and policy, Eiguren plans to head back to the Jordan Valley Ranch where he grew up.

"I also want to be involved in agricultural organizations in order to influence agricultural policy within Oregon," Eiguren said.

"[I want] to help secure a future for agriculture in this state."

Myra Long

Myra Long, a psychology and pre-med major, is a friendly voice who answers your calls at the Women's Center. She also has been involved with OSU's Pride Center, getting started before her first day of classes began. "She came up to us during START two summers ago and right away let us know that she wanted to be involved," said Luke Sugie, advisory board co-chair for the Pride Center.

Long started "hanging out" at the Women's Center winter term of 2005. Melanie Love, women studies graduate instructor, persuaded her to apply for a position there. Since then, Long has become the center's publications coordinator. The newsletter "Zine" covers topics from sexual assault to body image issues. Long is also a DJ at OSU's KBVR radio station. Her two shows, Fembot and World Tronica, are "pretty freaking amazing." Long has been involved with the Pride panel, helping set up Q and A sessions with the gay and lesbian community on campus. Long represent the College of Liberal Arts at the ASOSU Undergraduate Senate, and sits on the appropriation and budget committee.

Long's work at the Women's Center "has influenced every aspect" of her life. She believes that "women are extremely underrepresented in medicine" and wants to pursue a career in nature-empathic medicine, an alternative medical discipline which addresses health issues "through more natural methods."

MATT LEWIS

There is a theory that in the mid-80s, a cloning experiment was performed on baby Matthew Lewis and there are dozens of him running around. That is the only way to explain how he acts as a Diversions editor, an Odyssey instructor, vice chair of the Student Media Committee, an admissions representative, a former Delta Chi president and active member and still makes time for a Thursday night trip to Clod's.

Lewis makes the average student, with a full credit load and several part-time jobs, look down right lazy.

"He's very committed to everything he does, especially helping new students and their families," said Kris Winter, director of Student Orientation and Retention.

A self-proclaimed observer of pop culture, Lewis dissects everything from fast food to Paris Hilton in his weekly column in this newspaper. "It reflects what goes on in daily life. They wouldn't call it popular culture if people didn't like it. And I like to make fun of things and pop culture provides an outlet for that," he said.

As of now, Lewis is in the process of applying to graduate school in Ohio and here at Oregon State. He wishes to continue to work with students experiencing college for the first time. "Going from high school to college is a critical period in our lives," Lewis said. "A lot of times students don't know the options open to them. It would be a shame for them to miss out on something because they didn't know about it."

With Lewis's help and his wealth of information on college life, he is sure to guide many mislead undergraduates into a successful future.



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Jessica Page, left, and Kari Varin smile during a photo shoot at the Memorial Union. Both are heavily involved in a variety of activities, including the Greek system.

SALAD DAYS

by JASON BACH



SANCHEZ: The course of history can be altered with initiative

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options. Our world has been shaped by the choices of past generations, choices limited not only by physical controls, but by the boundaries of our imagination and creativity. The decisions we make today and everyday, as individuals and collectively, will shape the future, the conditions in which our children and their children will live. Often, the choices we make reflect our perception of the limits placed on us by society rather than the limits of possibility. We feel the urge to protect the status quo, to not rock the boat, to not bother people or challenge authority. This seems to be a natural human tendency, a genetic predisposition aimed at facilitating cooperation and harmony, but it is abused by those in positions of power.

When those in power have interests that would be impinged on by a choice that might benefit humanity as a whole, our tendency to cooperate and not break social norms is exploited. The mass media, political leaders and the economic interests that they represent seek to manipulate or even dictate our choices to us. Following the terrorist bombings of 9/11, we could have made any number of decisions. As a nation we decided to begin a global war on terror, essentially an endless series of wars in the name of national security. Is this the decision the American public would have made on its own, in the absence of the media and government playing on our fear and confusion? Further, who has benefited from this choice? Whose interests have been served?

When President Bush addressed the nation following the attacks, he spoke as if there was only one possible response, telling us how we should feel and what we

should do. No time for the shock and fear to wear off, no pretense of taking the public's opinion into account. President Bush framed the attacks as an assault on our nation and stated that if you do not support "the nation's" decision, you are siding with the terrorists. Like the decision to launch the war on terror, most large national decisions are presented to us as foregone conclusions. And it is these large decisions that tend to change the path of history. What would our lives be like had we made different choices following 9/11? What would the world shown to us in CoM be like had England made different decisions following the terror and chaos brought on by the death of birth? While national and societal choices tend to punctuate history and alter our trajectory into the future, it is the actions we take as individuals that ultimately decide our fate.

Not speaking our minds, not expressing disagreement; these are choices, and by not making the choice to recognize that we can affect the course of events that controls the unfolding of history, we abdicate our power to do so and are swept away by the tide of events. All major transformations in society seem to come about because of the collective decisions of individuals, the decision to speak out and exercise our power to control our destiny.

The growing gap between rich and poor, the development of a totalitarian state insulated and insensitive to the needs of humanity, and the general growing devaluation of human life seen in CoM are realistic potential outcomes of the choices we make every day as individuals. When it comes to collective decisions, inaction has the same effect as complicity.

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RUMORE: Simple foods may be the most nutritious, enjoyable way a person could eat

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natural product, created without processing and alteration (at least in most cases) and 3) Overall cholesterol levels in a body are not highly important; it is the ration of LDL ("bad" cholesterol) to HDL ("good" cholesterol) that is important.

Given the last three facts, I find it hard to consider eggs a bad food. Apparently, so do most modern nutritionists. The anti-egg craze cracked, turned rotten, and simply was whipped, beaten and scrambled into oblivion. Now nutritionists recommend a couple of eggs a week as a quality source of protein. A microcosm of the cognitive dissonance associated with food, this example leaves one wondering: What is an omnivore to eat?

In the midst of this Nutritionism and dietary craziness, many eaters become apathetic or overwhelmed. Rather than embracing food for the wholesome and enriching properties it possesses, they turn instead to convenience food and choose to hide in ignorance. Even my father, an ER physician, admits, "Without your mom, I don't know what to eat." (Thank you, Mom!)

As evolutionary beings wrought from eons of biological development and natural selection, we should be able to determine what is good food and what is not, what to eat and what not to eat. But in reducing food to atomistic nutrients and denying its holistic aspect, we have in effect denied our intuitive

ability to discriminate healthy foods from "foods of minimal nutritional value." (Last week's readers, you will remember the JF word — junk food!)

In an attempt to mend our broken relationship with food, let's step back from the atomistic realm to view our food on a more general scale. An apple is simply a natural fruit, not a conglomeration of fiber and micronutrients. I don't care what they infuse your Oreos or Lucky Charms with — they are still JF products. Try to eat whole foods, foods that your great-great-grandmother would recognize as food. Don't eat foods plastered with health claims. And for goodness sake, enjoy your eggs — and just for fun, try the farm-fresh ones this week!

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bowl games, and really all they know is the Fiesta Bowl — they think that's the benchmark.

Do you look at chat rooms and online forums?

No. [Laughs]

So you try to keep yourself away from that?

I try to. If I get a sense that something's going wrong or something, I'll say ya know, 'What's the temperature out there these days?' 'What are people talking about?'

At the University of Oregon they just hired a big donor as their athletic director. What do you think of that?

Not much of a comment on that. I think it's ironic that you would post a job that wouldn't have as its criteria a minimum

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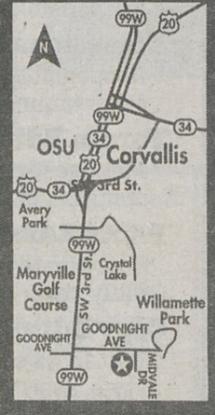
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Patterson resigns as Blazer general manager, Seahawks CEO Leiweke named interim GM

■ Owner Paul Allen opts to not renew team president's contract; Patterson says it was right time to leave

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TUALATIN — With the Portland Trail Blazers headed in a positive direction, billionaire owner Paul Allen shook off one more remnant of the team's recent — albeit troubled — past.

Team president and general manager Steve Patterson abruptly resigned Thursday after Allen refused to renew his contract.

Tod Leiweke, chief executive officer of the Seattle Seahawks, will take over while a full-time replacement is found. Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft, also owns the Seahawks.

Leiweke will also head a new company that will oversee both teams.

The move comes as part of an ongoing process to recapture "Rip City" and Portland's fervor for its team. Leiweke praised Patterson for his work in righting the Blazers, but suggested there was more work to be done.

"I have a mandate to work with this management to find someone to push this franchise to where it once was," Leiweke said.

Patterson had been the team president since 2003 and became the GM after John Nash was fired last May. The resignation came hours before

the Trail Blazers (24-34) hosted Charlotte.

The Blazers, fourth in the Northwest Division, have regrouped after finishing an NBA-worst 21-61 last season. The improvement has been sparked by a flurry of draft-day trades and an infusion of young talent, including Brandon Roy.

Patterson took over a franchise that was burdened with a high payroll and a sullied reputation from a chain of player arrests and bad behavior.

Fans turned away from the once-beloved team that had won the NBA championship in 1977.

He said he was proud of the Blazers' turnaround under his watch.

"Now we got a young exciting club of folks that represent the community well and want to live here as opposed to a number of the guys that didn't share this community's values and didn't represent it well," Patterson said.

However, the team also had some troubles during Patterson's tenure. There was Allen's decision in 2004 to throw the Rose Garden Arena into bankruptcy and surrender ownership of the building, only to recently announce plans to buy it back.

Allen also indicated that the team was up for sale last year, then abruptly pulled it off the market.

Leiweke will remain in his role with

the Seahawks.

"Putting the Portland Trail Blazers and the Seattle Seahawks under a common management umbrella underscores my commitment to the future of both franchises," Allen said in a statement. "Tod has done great things for the Seahawks, and I fully expect similar results for the Trail Blazers."

Patterson said his contract was to expire soon.

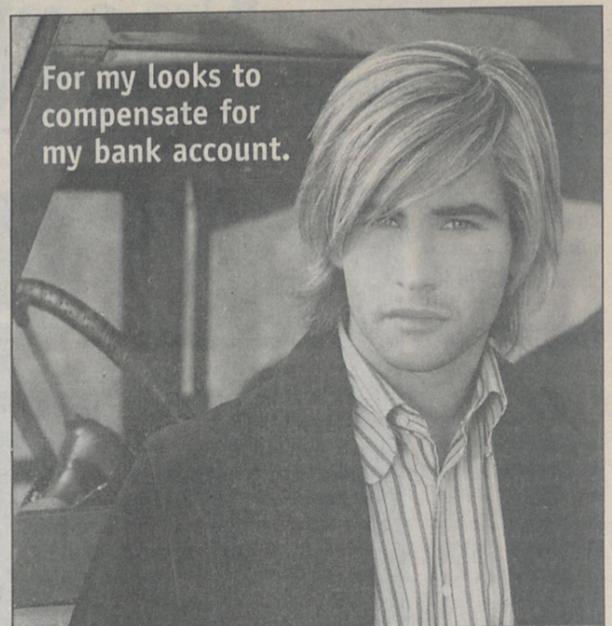
"I think you get to the point you have a certain number of successes and you know it gets to the point that sometimes it's better for somebody to take the ball the last 10 yards than somebody's who's taken it the first 90 yards," Patterson said.

Leiweke said the search for a new president and general manager would begin immediately, with the intent of having both positions filled by the off-season and in time for the draft.

"This is not going to be about micro-management," he said. "We're going to hire quality people to take this franchise back to what it once was."

Leiweke also will become the CEO of a newly formed management company, Vulcan Sports & Entertainment, which will oversee both the Trail Blazers and Seahawks organizations.

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Dei to the 2003 California state title.

"We had a lot of Division-I athletes, so obviously you could imagine some of the egos," Jones said. "But we tried to keep it sane, and I was one of the ones that had to keep a level head."

When Jones was a kid, his father, actor Michael Jones, took Marcel to audition for a part in the movie "Stripes." While he didn't get the part, he later appeared in "The Princess Diaries" and "Big Momma's House," as well as Disney's hit TV show, "Even Stevens."

"A while back, I just had to venture out and do some different stuff, had to have fun as a kid," Jones said.

And now as a junior at Oregon State, he has stepped up and taken the leadership role for a young Beaver team that has had a rocky season.

"I have been pleased with Marcel throughout the season in that he has come to play," said coach Jay John. "People are coming at him, and he is still in the top ten in scoring in the Pac-10."

"I'm a natural leader, I think," Jones added. "I lead by example, not just by talking."

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WOMEN'S HOOPS: Fox-Griffin hurt at practice, will play

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"I'm telling them we've worked hard all year long ... We've got to keep fighting," Wagner said. "We've just got to stay healthy." It could be hard though. Along with Nash and her bruised and scarred face, Fox-Griffin was on crutches at Tuesday's practice. Wagner said she expected Fox-Griffin to play against the Wildcats.

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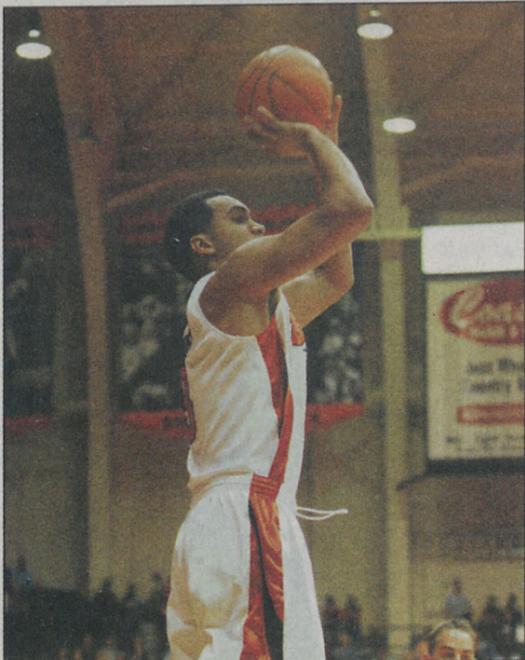
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"I think this is the best for me, and for the franchise, and the community, everybody, really. This is the right move. And that's fine. That's good. That's what happened."

— Blazer President and General Manager Steve Patterson announcing his resignation

Marcel Jones, a junior, has had a breakout season, leading the Beavers with 15.2 points per game and pulling down 5.5 boards.

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A Star Emerges in Corvallis

■ Junior Marcel Jones had small parts in movies and TV shows, but now he's become the go-to guy of the men's basketball team

By Frank Hoaglin
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Four months ago, Beaver forward Marcel Jones fueled a 69-67 victory over Northern Colorado with a career-high 35 points while high school teammate Wesley Washington won the game with a jump shot with 7.9 seconds left.

Jones may not be scoring that many points consistently, but one thing's for sure: he is a force to be reckoned with offensively.

Currently Jones leads the Beavers with over 16 points per game, good for

fifth in the Pac-10, and has scored in double digits in 13 conference games.

"He's the leading scorer on our team," said point guard Josh Tarver. "So times when he's hot, you have to get him the ball. He scores in bunches."

As a freshman, playing time was limited for Jones, playing behind senior David Lucas and junior Nick DeWitz. Last year as a sophomore he saw significant minutes, and his production jumped to nine points and seven rebounds per game. At the end of the year, Jones was honored with the Jim Anderson award, given annually to the team's most improved player.

"Being an older guy, being in the system a couple years, I know the ins and the outs," Jones said. "And it's always good because when I was younger I had to look up to somebody, so it's

a good feeling for somebody when they're young to look up to you."

He might win that award again this year, as he leads the team in scoring and is second in rebounds with six per game. Easily the go-to guy as of late, Jones led the Beavers with 16 points and 3-for-5 shooting from beyond the arc in a four-point loss to Washington State last week.

"Scoring the way he scores, you have to give him the ball, because the times when we have a drought, he's the only guy that can score," Tarver said.

Jones' go-to guy status isn't a new thing. In high school he led Mater Dei High with 20 points, seven rebounds and two assists per game. High school teammate Wesley Washington added 16 points per game as both led Mater Dei. See JONES / page A7

Women wrap up season at Pac-10 tournament

■ No. 8 seed OSU will play Arizona in opening game; Beavers split with Wildcats in regular season

By Lindsay Schnell
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Despite a lack of wins, OSU women's basketball coach LaVonda Wagner is quick to point out that her team has not been blown out all year. She also says they don't intend to start now.

Tonight, OSU will play in what's most likely to be one of its last games of the season as the Beavers open the Pacific-10 tournament against Arizona. Should they beat the Wildcats, a team they split with in the regular season, OSU would get the pleasure of playing Stanford, the No. 1 seed in the tournament.

"I think the win for us was big," said Wagner, talking about the Beavers' come-from-behind win at Washington State last weekend. Wagner also mentioned the momentum would be good for Oregon State heading into tonight's game.

First the Beavers will need to knock off the Wildcats (10-20, 4-14 Pac-10), who are led by Joy Hollingsworth's 16.4 points per game. OSU (9-18, 4-14) and UA each won this season on their home floors, but Wagner says a neutral floor won't make much of a difference.

"They're at a different place than we are. We're pretty banged up, and they're just now back at full speed and they're healthy," Wagner said. "I think it's going to come down to offensive

execution for us, taking care of the basketball. Down there we played a good game, but we turned the ball over late and it cost us. We also need to be able to guard their dribble penetration."

Barring an upset — the winner of the Pac-10 tournament receives an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament — the games in San Jose will be the last for senior guard Casey Nash. Nash, who was named to the All-Pac-10 Team Thursday, has led the league in scoring the entire season and currently has a 20.3 average. She is the lone senior playing significant minutes and has battled all season, playing through fatigue and injuries.

"This is like our third season, post-season is, so I'm going in hoping that I'll play more than 40 minutes down there," said Nash, who had a two-inch cut curling around her nose that required stitches, the result of a collision in the Washington game. "I'm just thinking, get through the first one and get to the next one."

In OSU's 69-62 win over Arizona in Corvallis, Nash led three players in double figures with 27 points, and point guard Mercedes Fox-Griffin dished out a school-record-tying 15 assists. In a 65-61 loss in Tucson, the Beavers finally won the battle on the glass but fell late in the game after multiple turnovers. Nash, Fox-Griffin and Judie Lomax — who was named to the Pac-10 All-Freshmen team — all scored 14 points or more.

Wagner and her team are hardly ready to concede defeat. See WOMEN'S HOOPS / page A7



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Freshman Julie Futch will play in her first Pac-10 tournament this weekend, squaring off against Arizona tonight at 8:15 p.m. with the winner advancing to play Stanford.

Volleyball nets talented setter from LMU

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K.C. Walsh, an outstanding setter from Loyola Marymount, will be joining the OSU volleyball team this coming fall, head coach Taras Liskevych has announced.

It is a welcome addition for the Beavers, who lost starting setter Camilla Ah-Hoy midseason to a torn ACL. Ah-Hoy is in the midst of rehab and is expected to be back, but Liskevych said the addition of Walsh will do nothing but help.

"K.C. is a good setter, and we have to protect the team," he said. "We never know when Camilla is going to be 100 percent."

Walsh will also bring with her a history of winning, something the Beavers — who went 0-18 in the Pacific-10 this year — desperately need.

"Anytime someone in a leader position comes in that's been successful — that's the kind of athlete we need in this program," Liskevych said, adding that there's "no question" she will make an impact right away.

The 5-foot-10 Walsh started for the Lions as a freshman in 2005, tallying 995 assists to rank among LMU's career assist leaders. The Lions finished 19-11 in her rookie season, and their season ended with a first-round loss in the NCAA Tournament. In 2006, Walsh played in 48 games recording 226 assists to finish her LMU career with 1,261,

ranking her eighth all-time.

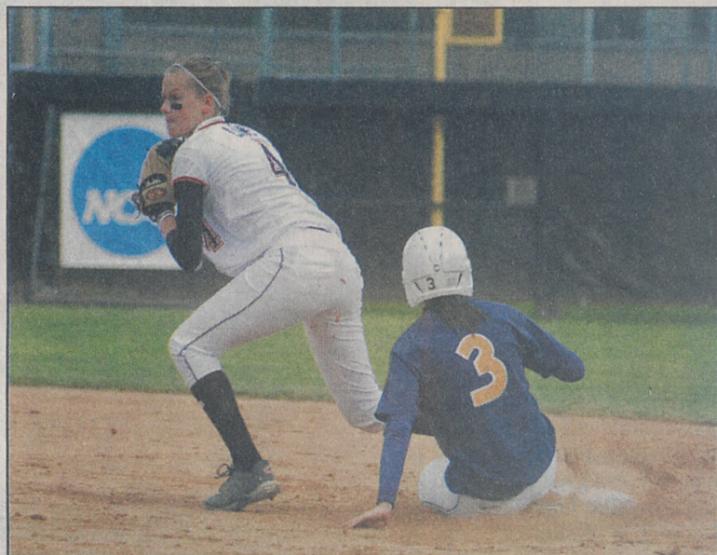
Under NCAA volleyball transfer rules, Walsh will be eligible to play right away, unlike in basketball and football, where athletes must sit out one year if they transfer from one Division-I school to another. She will have two years of eligibility remaining.

The courtship of Walsh started in early January, when Liskevych and his staff heard there may be a possibility of Walsh transferring. Walsh sent Liskevych a letter on Jan. 12, formally letting him know she was interested in Oregon State. It snowballed from there, as Walsh and her father took an official visit in February. She has now signed a financial aid agreement to attend Oregon State.

A 2005 graduate of Archbishop Mitty High School in San Jose, Calif., Walsh was a four-time all-league setter and a four-time All-California Central Coast selection. A three-time state champion, she was named a first-team All-American and Player of the Year by Cal-High Sports, and Volleyball Magazine included her on its list of the "Fab 50." She was also named the San Jose Mercury News Player of the Year in 2004.

Walsh's family also knows a thing or two about the sport: her older sister, Kerry, was an Olympic Gold Medalist at the summer games in Athens, winning the gold with Misty May in outdoor volleyball in 2004.

March of the Undefeated



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The OSU women's softball team has gone 26-0 in the month of March the past two seasons and looks to continue that streak this weekend when they head to the Cal State Fullerton Tournament.